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Office Action Summary

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☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

☐ This action is **FINAL**.

☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire Three month(s), or thirty days, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Disposition of Claims

☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.

Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.

☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

☒ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.

☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.

☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).

☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been

☐ received.

☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.

☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Attachment(s)

☒ Notice of References Cited, PTO-892

☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____

☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413

☒ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948

☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152

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Art Unit:

Detailed Action

Applicant's cooperation is requested in correcting any errors of which applicant may become aware in the specification.

Claims 1-8 are pending in this application.

The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

If applicant provides prior art, he/she is requested to cite it on Form PTO-1449 in accordance with the guidelines set forth in MPEP 609.

If applicant is aware of any other copending application not already of record, he/ she is reminded of his/her duty under CFR 1.56 to disclose the same.

Drawings

The drawing filed May 08, 1997 are objected to by the draftsman under 37 CFR 1.84 or 1.152 as indicated in the form PTOL -948.

Art Unit:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, line 3, the phrase “ a connecting portion displaceably holding” is vague & indefinite because it fails to point out what is connecting portion. Line 4 of claim 1 mentioned “a pressing force”. It is not clear what kind of force applicant is pointing it. Lines 4-5 of claim 1 stated that “said holding piece using as a supporting point a position away from a position” considered to be vague and indefinite because it fails to give understanding to the claim what exactly applicant claiming it. If the supporting point is positioned away from a position how is possible to have a connection. Lines 10-11 of claim 1, phrased that “said holding piece so as to cause said holding piece to displace”. Again, is this invention is for a connector for an optical fiber or a holding piece to displacement ? It is not clear to the claimed language how/where and what is connecting.

Furthermore these type of expression express a desired result while failing to recite the positive recitation, structural elements and relationships necessary to provide the desired result. This type of recitation is purely functional in scope and fails to point out applicant’s contribution in the manner required by 35 USC 112.

Art Unit:

The above informalities are representative of all of the informalities present in the claims.
Applicant should correct all of the informalities present in the claims.


Cited Prior Art

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Matsui et al., Yamaguchi et al., Eaton et al., and Ames are also cited to show a typical holding piece and optical fiber connector respectively.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Akm E. Ullah whose telephone number is (703) 308-4885. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 6.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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